

The timing of this request for comment could not be better. On September 15th, I attempted to port my home (wireline) phone to a wireless phone. I was informed by the wireless carrier (Sprint) that this should take approximately one hour. The next day, I still did not have service moved over. I returned to the store; the staff called Sprint and my land line carrier, SBC. SBC said they would release the number on the 21st. I couldn't understand why it would take so long, until I went to the FCC web site and discovered that SBC was entitled under regulations to hold onto that number, and bill me accordingly, for four business days (six days of service). I would think that the purpose of the regulation should be to enforce a *maximum* amount of time a company has to fill a work order for release. Instead, the 4-day limit is being used by SBC to grasp every additional dollar they can from a departing customer. I strongly urge the FCC to adopt a shorter mandatory changeover time, as I have found in my case that SBC is not using that four-day window reasonably or fairly, but is instead profiteering from it, and interfering with commerce by preventing me from moving to Sprint - legally, because of the construction of the regulation.

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